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SUMMARY: NETHS CUSTOMS WOULD LIKE CLARIFICATION ON
NUMBER OF ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS IDENTIFIED BELOW:
ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE REPLY TO QUESTIONS IN PARAS
4 AND 5. END SUMMARY

1. EMBOFF AND NETHS CUSTOMS REP WAGNER DISCUSSED
ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 1975
IN-COUNTRY CUSTOMS COURSE. FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE
AGREED AS PER EARLIER DISCUSSION IN THE HAGUE WITH
ALLSHOUSE:

(A) PROGRAM WILL OFFICIALLY COMMENCE AT 1030 MORNING
OF SEPTEMBER 15 AT LEEUWENHOURST CONGRESS CENTER IN
NOORDWIJKERHOUT (STARTING TIMES ON OTHER DAYS TO BE
AGREED UPON FIRST DAY).

(B) SEVEN DUTCH CUSTOMS SUPERVISORY INSPECTORS WILL
TAKE THE COURSE, WITH ONE OR TWO HEADQUARTERS
PERSONNEL AUDITING (PSEE ALSO PARA 5 BELOW).

(C) ALL COURSE-RELATED TRANSPORT, I.E., TO/FROM SITES
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WHERE PRACTICAL EXERCISES WILL BE HELD, WILL BE PROVIDED
BY DUTCH CUSTOMS.

2. WAGNER ADVISED EMBOFF OF FOLLOWING ARRANGEMENTS MADE

OR TO BE MADE BY DUTCH CUSTOMS:

(A) DUTCH PERSONNEL ("STUDENTS") WILL LODGE AT LEEUWENHORST CENTER FOR DURATION OF COURSE, ALTHOUGH THEY WILL PROBABLY SPEND WEEKENDS AT HOME. HOWEVER, TOTAL OF THIRTEEN PLACES HAVE BEEN RESERVED AT LEEUWENHORST CENTER IN EVENT THAT US CUSTOMS PERSONNEL MAY ALSO WISH TO LODGE THERE. WAGNER GAVE EMBOFF TO UNDERSTAND THAT FULL BOARD IS INCLUDED AND THAT ALL ROOM AND BOARD EXPENSES AT THE LEEUWENHORST, INCLUDING FOR ANY US CUSTOMS GUESTS, WILL BE BORNE BY NETHS CUSTOMS. (SEE PARA 4(B) BELOW).

(B) VESSEL SEARCH EXERCISE WILL BE HELD AT PORT OF AMSTERDAM; AIRCRAFT SEARCH AT SCHIPHOL (AMSTERDAM) AIRPORT. MOTOR VEHICLE PRACTICAL EXERCISE ON 9/22 IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD AT LOBITH ON DUTCH/GERMAN BORDER, BEGINNING ABOUT 1030 TO ALLOW FOR TRAVEL TIME.

(C) DUTCH CUSTOMS WILL PROVIDE SPEAKER ON TIR.

3. IN REPLY TO QUERIES FROM WAGNER, EMBOFF PROVIDED FOLLOWING RESPONSES BASED ON NOTES FROM ALLSHOUSE/BAKKER MEETING IN THE HAGUE:

(A) US CUSTOMS WILL PROVIDE INTERPRETER(S) AT NO COST TO DUTCH CUSTOMS.

(B) US CUSTOMS WILL TRANSLATE HANDOUTS INTO DUTCH PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF COURSE AND WILL PROVIDE SAME IN 50 (FIFTY) COPIES.

(C) 50 (FIFTY) NARCOTICS TEST KITS WILL BE PROVIDED BY US CUSTOMS, WITH UNUSED KITS TO BE LEFT WITH DUTCH CUSTOMS AS COURTESY.

4. WAGNER ALSO REQUESTED ADVICE ON FOLLOWING, CONCERNING WHICH EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY GUIDANCE FROM US CUSTOMS:

(A) HOW MANY US CUSTOMS INSTRUCTORS WILL PARTICIPATE?

(B) WILL US PARTICIPANTS WISH TO LODGE AT LEEUWENHORST, OR WILL THEY PREFER OWN ARRANGEMENTS?

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(C) WILL US CUSTOMS TEAM BRING OWN AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT, OR WILL IT BE NECESSARY PROCURE SUCH EQUIPMENT LOCALLY? IF SO, WHAT EQUIPMENT IS NECESSARY? (NOTE: ELECTRIC CURRENT IN NETHS IS 50 CYCLE, 220 VOLTS).

(D) DOES US TEAM REQUIRE ACCESS TO LEEUWENHORST FACILITY PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 15, OR CAN EQUIPMENT, ETC. BE SET UP MORNING OF THE 15TH?

(E) ARE THERE ANY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS RE TRANSPORT TO/FROM PRACTICAL EXERCISES (E.G. IS VAN OR MICRO BUS REQUIRED FOR TRANSPORT OF PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT, OR ARE PASSENGER VEHICLES ADEQUATE?).

(F) CONCERNING PRACTICAL EXERCISES, HOW LONG IS EACH EXPECTED TO LAST? WHAT ARE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

FOR EACH TYPE OF CONVEYANCE TO BE CHECKED OUT - SHIP,
AIRCRAFT, TRAIN (E.G. SHOULD AIRCRAFT BE ONE IN
CURRENT USE, OR CAN IT BE ONE THAT IS UNDERGOING SERVICING)?

5. EMBOFF ENQUIRED WHAT CHANCES ARE THAT STUDENT BODY
CAN BE ENLARGED, RECALLING THAT UP TO A DOZEN
PARTICIPANTS CAN BE ACCOMMODATED IN COURSE PLANNED
FOR NETHS. WAGNER SAID IT IS EXTREMELY UNLIKELY ANY
ADDITIONAL "STUDENTS" WILL BE SELECTED.
COMMENT: SOME DAYS AGO WE LEARNED FROM CHIEF OF
NATIONAL POLICE DRUG UNIT THAT NUMEROUS REQUESTS FROM
VARIOUS POLICE DEPARTMENTS AND FROM ROYAL MARECHAUSSEE
FOR INCLUSION THEIR PERSONNEL IN JUST-CONCLUDED DEA
IN-COUNTRY COURSE HAD TO BE TURNED DOWN FOR LACK OF
SPACE. LATTER ORGANIZATION (VACHAUSSEE) HAS BORDER
INSPECTION AND INTERNAL SECURITY RESPONSIBILITIES, AND
IS ALSO MILITARY POLICE, WITH, INTER ALIA, DRUG-SUPPRESSION
FUNCTIONS. IN VIEW OF MARECHAUSSEE'S EXPRESSED INTEREST
IN TRAINING, GIVEN COMPLEMENTARITY OF THEIR MISSION WITH
CUSTOMS, AND CONSIDERING STILL-AVAILABLE CAPACITY
FOR SEPTEMBER COURSE, WE RECOMMEND THEY BE INVITED TO
PARTICIPATE WITH UP TO FIVE CANDIDATES. WE WOULD, OF
COURSE, PREDICATE THEIR PARTICIPATION ON THERE BEING
NO OBJECTION FROM EITHER US OR NETHERLANDS CUSTOMS.
IF NO OBJECTION IS PERCEIVED BY US CUSTOMS, PLEASE
ADVISE US ASAP SO THAT WE MAY TRY IDEA OUT ON DUTCH
CUSTOMS.

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